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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before line 1, please insert the following:

*a<sup>1</sup>*

Title of the Invention

Please amend the Title on page 1 as follows:

*a<sup>2</sup>*

OPTICAL FIBER CABLE HAVING A PARTITIONING SPACER

Page 1, after line 1, please insert the following:

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Background of the Invention

Field of the Invention

*a<sup>4</sup>*

Discussion of the Background

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6, with the following rewritten

paragraph:

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cont.*

Optical fibers have been widely employed to transmit high volume of information fast and reliably in recent communication. The optical fibers include silica optical fibers, such as silica single-mode optical fibers, plastic optical fibers (POF) and other fibers. In particular, the plastic optical fibers have a larger diameter than the silica single-mode optical fibers and are excellent in flexibility. From this viewpoint, the optical cables, which employ plastic optical fibers has optical transmission lines, are excellent in workability in end treatment and

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Cncl'd* connection treatment of the optical fibers needed during installation, and in wiring. The optical cables are effective as a short distance trunk in a building after lead-in from a trunk cable, a branch cable, or a line cable for a LAN Local Area Network (LAN) system.

Page 4, between lines 24 and 25, please insert the following:

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Brief Summary of the Invention

Page 12, between lines 2 and 3, please insert the following:

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Brief Description of the Drawings

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Fig. 3 is a schematic view to explain a method for preparing the optical cable according to the present invention; and

*[* Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 13, with the following *]*  
rewritten paragraph:

Figs. 4 (a) to 4 (c) are schematic sectional views of conventional optical cables; and

Page 12, after line 14, please insert the following paragraph:

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Fig. 5 is a schematic sectional view of the optical cable according to a further alternative embodiment of the present invention.

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Detailed Description of the Invention

Page 15, after line 27, please insert the following paragraph:

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Fig. 5 depicts an alternative embodiment in which a power line 60 is provided in portioned slot 18b, and an information transmission line 62 is provided in portioned slot 18d.